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C O N F I D E N T I A L SINGAPORE 2778

FOR DEPUTY SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: APER, PFOR, PORG, SN  
SUBJ: ORGANIZING FOR MULTILATERAL DIPLOMACY

REF: STATE 148782

1. OBJECTIVES OUTLINED IN REFTEL ARE LAUDABLE AND WE HOPE TO BE ABLE TO CONTRIBUTE TO THEIR ACHIEVEMENT IN COMING YEAR, JUST AS WE HAVE HAD SUCCESS IN PAST IN GAINING GOS SUPPORT FOR POSITIONS ACCEPTABLE TO USG ON A NUMBER OF MULTILATERAL ISSUES. DEPARTMENT'S PROVISION OF ADEQUATE AND TIMELY GUIDANCE WAS MOST HELPFUL TO US IN 1976 IN MAKING EFFECTIVE APPROACHES TO GOS, AND WE TRUST THIS SUPPORT WILL BE FORTHCOMING IN FUTURE AS WELL.

2. WE BELIEVE WE SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE GIVEN MAXIMUM DISCRETION IN SELECTING ISSUES FOR PRESENTATION TO GOS. MFA'S STAFF IS SMALL AND OVEREXTENDED AND MANY OF MULTILATERAL ISSUES OF CONCERN TO US ARE OF LITTLE IF ANY DIRECT INTEREST TO THEM. SINCE GOS DOES NOT ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN MANY INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS OF WHICH IT IS MEMBER, UNITED NATIONS, WHERE GOS MAINTAINS SMALL BUT TALENTED STAFF HEADED BY EXCEPTIONALLY ABLE AMBASSADOR, IS SINGAPORE'S MAIN VEHICLE FOR PARTICI-  
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PATION IN INTERNATIONAL ORDER. HENCE, IN ORDER TO MAKE OUR GREATEST IMPACT HERE, WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO PICK OUT THOSE ISSUES WHERE GOS ITSELF HAS A STAKE AND WHERE IT IS LIKELY TO BE RESPONSIVE TO AN APPROACH FROM US. POSSIBILITY OF INFLUENCING GOS POSITION ON THESE AS WELL AS ON ISSUES PERIPHERAL TO ITS MAJOR INTERESTS, WOULD BE ENHANCED BY USUN KEEPING EAR OF AMBASSADOR TOMMY KOH IN NEW YORK. THIS IS

ESPECIALLY TRUE ON ISSUES DEALING WITH UN BUDGET CONTROL AND  
UN STRUCTURAL ISSUES AS WELL AS ISSUES INVOLVING UN SPECIALIZED  
AGENCIES. HOLDRIDGE

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